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For: A FASTENING/UNFASTENING )  
METHOD, A PLASTIC FASTENER, )  
AN ENVELOPE, A BAG AND A TIE )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, it is requested that  
this application be amended as set forth herein.